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Situation in Poland as of 0700 EST December 27, 1981

Budapest Television carried a statement by Wieslaw Gornickia an adviser to General Jaruzelskia on December 24 in which he said that the state of emergency is a temporary solution and can be revoked if law and order are restored. He said the time is coming for "the much longer second phase" which will see the "reform of our mechanisms." He claimed that the military does not govern in Polandi it is only the executive organ which ensures that the decisions of the Council of State and Government are implemented.

Pravda on December 27 reports that the situation in Poland is gradually normalizing and that trouble-spots are being brought under control. Embassy Moscow notes that, although other Solidarity leaders have been bitterly attacked. Lech Walesa remains unscathed.

Western military attaches in Warsaw believe that all major strikes will be crushed by January 1 and that thereafter the Polish authorities will only face passive resistance. They expect the restoration of telephone and telex services within a week since economic recovery cannot be achieved without normal Communications. Together with restoration of telephone and te ex services, the military presence in the cities will likely diminish although martial law may continue for some time-

Archbishop Poggi, after delivering the Pope's letter to - General Jaruzelski on December 24, left Warsaw by train for Vienna on Christmas Day. The Embassy has not yet learned about the details of the meeting since knowledgeable church sources have been unavailable.

The Polish Government is preparing regulations providing financial support for the families of those it has detained.

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Solidarity second or third-echelon leadership is publishing flyers in Uarsaw and other cities with information about strike activities and other news. These laborious efforts, hampered by lack of easy communications and restrictions on travel, testify nevertheless to the fact that the martial law regime has not completely stifled Solidarity.

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